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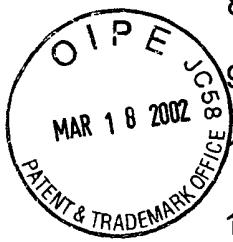
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1. U.S. Patent No. 3,458,337
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,887,678
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,142,849
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,298,646
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,309,452
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,464,423



7. U.S. Patent No. 4,608,294
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,617,222
9. U.S. Patent No. Re. 33,069
10. U.S. Patent No. Re. 33,599
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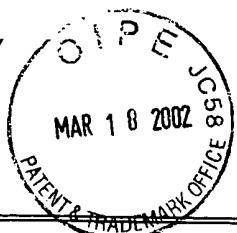
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